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I & S Order Issued to Bakersfield Facility

SACRAMENTO---- The California Environmental Protection Agency's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced the issuance of an Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order and Remedial Action Order to Gibson Environmental and 39 other potentially responsible parties (PRPs) requiring the development and implementation of a plan to remove hazardous liquids and contaminated soils from the Gibson Environmental Incorporated facility in Bakersfield.

The six-acre Gibson Environmental facility, at 2401 Gibson Street, was used for the storage and treatment of soils and liquids. The facility operated under a permit issued by DTSC in June, 1988 and interim status authorization issued in September, 1990. The permit and the interim status authorization ended on February 4, 1998 when DTSC denied the facility's permit renewal and permit application.

Gibson stopped hazardous waste management activities at the site in October 1995. Liquid hazardous wastes stored in tanks, and soil piles containing hazardous waste remain on the site. The storage tanks have been deteriorating over time. Some tanks show leakage of contents from their valves. DTSC estimates that approximately 825,000 gallons of liquid hazardous waste remain on the site. Soil piles at the site are exposed to the natural elements with no effective form of wind, runoff or natural soil/groundwater containment to prevent migration of contaminants. In October of 1999, DTSC took samples of liquid hazardous waste and soils at the site.

The order requires the PRPs to conduct a Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study at the site to determine the extent of contamination; prepare and implement a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) (a cleanup plan) for the site; and prepare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents to evaluate the remedial actions approved in the RAP.

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In addition, the order requires the following activities to be conducted within thirty days:

- Install a fence and post signs at the site within 30 days. The signs will read: "Caution Hazardous Substances Area Unauthorized Persons Keep Out."
- Submit a work plan, including a schedule for evaluating site drainage. The work plan should examine drainage within secondary containment and sanitary and storm drain systems at the site.
- Submit a work plan for review and approval by DTSC, to remove all liquid hazardous substances from the site, including but not limited to tanks, sumps, drums, poly containers and facility piping

Under the order, each PRP may be held liable for penalties of up to \$25,000 per day for each day they are out of compliance with any term or condition in the order, as well as punitive damages up to three times the amount of any costs incurred by DTSC as a result of failure to comply.

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DTSC is one of the six boards and departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC's mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment by regulating the management of hazardous waste and promoting reduction.

POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

1. Evergreen Environmental Services
6880 Smith Avenue
Newark, CA 94560
2. Chevron USA
6001 Bollinger Canyon Road
Building K2040
San Ramon, CA 94583
3. Cole Services
PO Box 10764
Bakersfield, CA 93389
4. Atlantic Richfield Company
515 South Flower Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071-2256
5. Ramos Environmental Services
1515 South River Road
West Sacramento, CA 95691
6. United States Navy
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
900 Commodore Drive
San Bruno, CA 94066-2402
7. United States Air Force
333 Market Street, Room 625
San Francisco, CA 94105
8. United States Army
901 North Stuart Street
Arlington, VA 22203-1837
9. Pacific Gas & Electric Co
77 Beale Street
B24A, Room 2439-A
San Francisco, CA 94105
10. Texaco, Inc
5201 Tuxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93309
11. Delta Tech Service, Inc.
397 West Channel Road
Benicia, CA 94510
12. Clairol, Inc.
1 Blachely Road
Stamford, CT 06922
13. Dowell, Division of Schlumberger Tech
6120 Snow Road
Bakersfield, CA 93308
14. Robertshaw Controls Company
100 West Victoria Street
Long Beach, CA 90805
15. San Francisco Paper Agency
925 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
16. National Railroad Passenger Corporation
60 Massachusetts Avenue NE
Washington, DC 2002
17. Betz Dearborn, Inc.
4636 Somerton Road
Trevose, PA 19053
18. Southern California Gas Company
555 West 5th Street, Suite 2900
Los Angeles, CA 90013
19. Ecology Controls Industries
19500 Normandie Avenue
Torrance, CA 90502
20. Exxon
5959 Las Colinas Boulevard
Irving, TX 75039-2298
21. Statewide Environmental Services
200 Pine Avenue, Suite 514
Long Beach, CA 90802-3040
22. Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation
6177 Sunol Boulevard
Pleasanton, CA 94566-7769

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| <p>23. Duke Energy
5400 Westheimer Court
Houston, TX 77056-5310</p> <p>24. Southwest Photo Chemical, Inc.
350 Electra Street
Pomona, CA 91766-2236</p> <p>25. Lucas Aviation, Inc.
495 South Fairview Avenue
Goleta, CA 93117</p> <p>26. GATX Tank Storage Terminals Corporation
500 West Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60661-3676</p> <p>27. State of California
Department of Transportation
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814</p> <p>28. Sunquest Properties, Inc.
150 Executive Park Boulevard
San Francisco, CA 94134-3303</p> <p>29. City of South San Francisco
PO Box 711
South San Francisco, CA 94083</p> <p>30. Ultramar, Inc.
6000 N Loop 1604 W
San Antonio, TX 78249-1112</p> <p>31. Penske Truck Leasing Company
PO Box 563 Route 10
Reading, PA 19603-7635</p> | <p>32. University of California, Santa Barbara
Building 565, EH&S Building
Santa Barbara, CA 93106</p> <p>33. Chemical & Pigment
600 Nichols Road
Pittsburg, CA 94565</p> <p>34. Dignity Housing West II Assoc.
690 15th Street, Suite 400
Oakland, CA 94612</p> <p>35. Port of Oakland
530 Water Street
Oakland, CA 94607</p> <p>36. Bank of Santa Maria
PO Box 580
Arroyo Grande, CA 93421</p> <p>37. Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations, Inc.
3900 Essex Lane, Suite 1200
Houston, TX 77027</p> <p>38. Inyo County
PO Box M
Independence, CA 93526</p> <p>39. Mehdi Rezaian
438 S. Oakhurst Drive, #1
Beverly Hills, CA 90212</p> <p>40. Gibson Environmental, Inc.
837 25th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 84121</p> |
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